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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1896-97
(Police)

File No. 53

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Month May 97

SUBJECT.

Prosecution in cases of infant marriages during the year 1896-97.
(Benakanakere)

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
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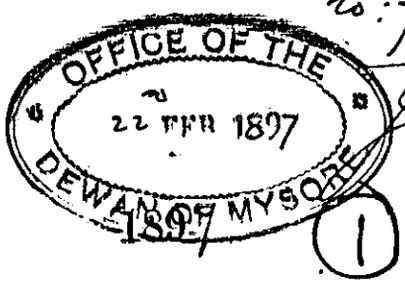

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SECTION Police

FILE No. 53 of 95

SERIAL No. 52

From

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

The General Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Dated 20th

Despatched 21st February 1897

Received 23 ——

General No. 2822.

No. 324

Enclosure No. 1 *memo.*

Requesting that sanction may be accorded to prosecute Belure Sowda and others for an Offence under Section III of Regn. X of 1894 Confirmation &c.

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 2822/324 Dated Mysore 20th February 1897

Enc. 1 Memo

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of a Memo received from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tumkur, reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Benakanakere in the Tiptur Taluk in May last.

2 It will be seen that the parties are Vakkaligaas by Caste, that one Beluregowda gave his daughter Chenni, aged about 7 years in marriage to one Muddi, a man of about 25 years of age and that the marriage was celebrated at Benakanakere. The Register of births shews, it is stated, that the girl was born on the 24th August 1888,

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The assistant Superintendent of Police reports that the father of the bride and the bridegroom admit the celebration of the marriage, and that they plead ignorance of law.

3 Under these circumstances, I beg that sanction may be accorded to prosecute Beluri Gowda and Muddi for an offence under section 3 of Regulation No. X of 1894.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient servant

H Jagadeva Rao

Inspector General of Police

Re to 682 4

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Memo

In May last one Bekure Gowda of Vakkaligar caste celebrated the marriage of his daughter Channi a girl of about 7 years of age with a man Mudli of about 25 years of age at Benakanakeri, Tiptur Taluq. From the Register of births, the girl appears to have been born on the 24th August 1888. Both Bekure Gowda and Mudli admit the offence, but plead ignorance of Law as an Excuse.

Hence sanction of the Government may be obtained to prosecute the parties under section 3 of the Infant Marriage Regulation No X of 1894.

Tiptur
13/2/97

Asstt: Supdt: of Police.

SECTION Police.

FILE No. 53 of 96

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

SER'AL No. 55

READ—

Letter No. 2822-324 dated 20 February 1897

from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

reporting that ~~on the~~ 9th last an infant girl of about 7 years

named Chennu daughter of one Beluru Gowda

of the Vakkaligar caste

was married to one Imadli aged about 25 years

at Benakanakere, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur &c.

ORDER THEREON No. 9955 / 11157 DATED 5th March 1897

Under the provisions of section 8 of Regulation X of 1894, the Government are pleased to direct the prosecution, for offences under section 3 of the Mysore Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation, of all persons who caused the marriage of the infant girl named Chennu with a person named Imadli and of all persons who knowingly aided and abetted the same, and of the said husband Imadli

The girl was 7 years and 9 months on the date of the marriage.

Govt observe that the Girl is over the age of the Girl [illegible] requires verification. The D.C. will accept obtain sanction for the removal of the Govt the original Petition with a letter from the Commissioner of the case for the commencement of the case proof of the Girl's age. below the Petition of 8 in the date of her negotiation

28/4/97

~~General~~ Secretary.

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, ~~for information~~

~~either the original Petition or a true extract thereof to be sent to him for the information of Govt in all cases.~~

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FILE No. 53 of 96

Gen. 30.

SERIAL No. 62

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1897.

From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The ~~General~~ Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 5th

Despatched 7th April 1897.

Received 9— " Camp. Shimoga

General No. 3301

No. 377

Enclosure No. Two.

Forwarding the Registe
of births of Benallade
village, Tipture Taluk
for August 1888.

off as below & submit to H.E.
Colonel:

The evidence in proof of
the girl's age being vague
and inconclusive, Govt.
cannot consider a
prosecution advisable
in this case.

C.

14-4-97

9/Br

14/4/97

Draft. subd. to H.E. 14.4.97.

15/4/97

Referred.

Jnd 7/8.

8.4.97

Reps put up.

JMB

12/4/97

Subd Asst

She girl was 7 yrs
on the date of marriage.
of the witnesses are rel
to say she was only betwe
6 & 7 years. The marriage
place about 1 year ago. Da
order for prosecution now necess

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

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377

Dated Camp Shimoga, 5th April 1897.

Enc. Two

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

With reference to Government Proceedings
No. 9955 of the 5th March 1897, J. 1157, I have the honor to forward herewith the register of births of the Benakankere village, Tiptur Taluk, for August 1888, Containing entry of the birth of the girl Chenni, together with copy of docket No. 790 of the 30th March 1897 from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, stating that 6 witnesses had been examined with reference to the age of the girl and that 5 of them deposed that the age of the girl was between 6 and 7 years.

Ret. with M. 9136 96-5-97

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Inspector General
of Police.

Enc to 8462

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

1897.

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur District.

To

The Inspector General
of Police in Mysore.

Dated 30th March 1897.

Despatched

Received

General No.

Jud. No. 790

Enclosure No.

His docket No. 3157/190 dated 23rd March 1897, enquiring if any further evidence is available to prove the age of the girl Chenni, a minor of about 6 years of age who was married to Moodli at Benakankere, Tiptur Taluk, on or about the 6th May 1896 Contrary to the provisions of the Infant Marriage Regulation No. X of 1894.

In reply, has the honor to state that the Inspector of Tiptur reports that no more evidence would be gathered in the case to prove the age of the girl. Six witnesses have already been examined. Five of them deposed to the age of the girl being between 5 and 7 years. From their statements recorded, it does not appear upon what basis they compute the age of the girl. As they belong

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to the ignorant class of Vokkaligars, their notions as regards time must be very vague and cannot fully be relied upon. There is no horoscope available, but the Register of births has already been sent with this office No. 747 dated 16th March 1897 in response to a requisition made by him in his No. 3040/184 dated 11th March 1897. If need be, a medical witness may be examined upon the age of the girl.

/Signed/ M Hussain.
for Deputy Commissioner,
Chinkur District.

"Copy"
/by/ Narahara Rao
Inspector General
of Police.

JV₀: 12089 / 1375 dt 6-5-97 —
Enc: 1

SECTION Police
FILE NO. 53 of 96
SER'AL ... 66

Read:— (4) 10

Correspondence ending with letter No 3301/877 dt 7-5 inst from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, soliciting sanction for the prosecution, under the provisions of the Mysore Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation X of 1894, of the persons Concerned in the marriage of a girl named Chenni, under 8 years of age, which took place at Benakanakere, Tiptur Taluk in May last 1896.

order thereon

The evidence in proof of the girl's age being vague and inconclusive,

inconclusive, Govt. do not consider a prosecution advisable in this case as

~~[illegible] a censure must be given the accused, the [illegible] of the [illegible]~~

for Secretary

17/4/97

To The D.G of Police return-ing the Register of births

As to the remarks and are afraid. There was some exception was under the Consideration [illegible] the Dasara 1893 & 1894 [illegible] 19/4/97

Subd to 1st Yr as per Secys order

15/4/97

17/4/97

Subd: Dasara Pro: Book of 1893 is Submitted. Please see the portion marked in page 44 therein. The Representative Assembly for 1894 was held on 12th October ie Same days after the passing of the Infant Marriage Regln. ~~So the Pro: Book for 1894 is not put up.~~

19/4/97

Subd 19/4 D.R.A Pro: Books for the 4 yrs 1891, 92, 93 & 94 are subd as per under Secys Subsequent personal orders.

20/4/97

Resolved

That this Conference notes with regret that the Dasara Proceedings Books are not kept up to date. It draws attention to the fact that one of the grounds on which the Regulation was opposed was that in doubtful cases girls might be subjected to a medical examination. It believes the members objecting have appreciated the [illegible] of the Regulation - that [illegible] a declaration [illegible] a declaration [illegible] a declaration

I beg to suggest that the addition made by the Secy in the draft may be omitted. The meaning would become more unpopular than it is held that the age of the girls concerned may be ascertained by the examination of their person -

C

3/5/97

I have no objection to the amending petition

AT

4/5/97

Spm as altered

C

5/5/97

7/5/97.